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Henry county, where he spent his entire life and served for several terms as president of the Old Settlers Association.

Mr. Blish was a member of the Illinois State Historical Society and by his interest and counsel greatly aided the Association. The funeral of Mr. Blish occurred on Tuesday, February 24, 1920, at his late residence. Rev. Thomas E. Nugent, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Kewanee, officiated.

OTTO C. BUTZ, 1857-1920.

Otto C. Butz died suddenly at his home in Winnetka, Sunday, May 2, 1920. Mr. Butz was born in Chicago, a son of Casper Butz. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he entered the practice of law in Chicago. He was associated with Francis Lackner, Amos C. Miller and F. E. Von Ammon. Mr. Butz was a close friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt. During the war a pamphlet which he wrote denouncing the Hohenzollern dynasty and setting forth the war aims of the United States, was circulated widely in America by the government and was dropped inside the German lines by American aviators. He was a member of the University and Hamilton clubs and the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Historical Society, and a director of the Chicago Title & Trust Company.

Many an American boy of German descent died under the flag to defeat a Germany betrayed by Potsdam, and at home older men of the same breed gave of their substance and their moral influence to support them. Of these one of the leaders was Otto Butz, an American of the lineage of revolutionary '48, a citizen saturated in American ideals, as stanch and whole-souled a lover of our common country as any descendant of the Mayflower company. Like Carl Schurz, Mr. Butz was American because to him America meant certain principles of human liberty and democracy. Therefore he had no doubt about this duty either before we entered the war or after. He saw with clear eyes what was wrong in modern Germany and used his fine intelligence and moral weight in an attempt which did not fail of effect, both to serve this coun-

try, which had given him birth, and the people from whom his ancestry sprung.

Otto Butz represented not only 100 per cent Americanism, but the character and culture which America has drawn from the German race. The community loses by his death, but his influence will not pass. He set an example of loyal citizenship which will not be forgotten by Americans who passed through the ordeal of the war and know what his service was.

MEMORIAL OF COLOSTIN D. MYERS, 1847-1920.

BY CHARLES L. CAPEN.

Colostin D. Myers was born at Racine, Meigs County, Ohio, May 7, 1847, in a small five room cottage standing well back from the Ohio river, in the outer limits of a town, or village of not more than 500 inhabitants. He was descended from a family of early immigrants, his grandfather, Jacob Myers, having been born in eastern Pennsylvania, of Dutch stock. His father, Benjamin Myers, was born in Monongahela, Virginia, now West Virginia, on the 16th day of April, 1813, and died in Pomeroy, Meigs County, Ohio, August 4th, 1851. His father was a skilled mechanic and an ingenious woodworker, having served an apprenticeship as a millwright under his elder brother, John Myers, and at the time of his death was a pattern cutter in a foundry in Pomeroy, Ohio. Judge Myers' mother was born in Meigs County, Ohio, on August 5th, 1820, and died near Palatine, Virginia, October 20, 1894. Her maiden name was Selena Elliott. She was a daughter of Fuller Elliott, a pioneer emigrant from Massachusetts to the Ohio Valley region, who attained local prominence, being at one time judge of a county or inferior court and probably a member of the legislature, as it seems he had something to do with the naming of the county.

The subject of our sketch was four years old at the time of his father's death. His mother remarried a man by the name of William Swearengen, and after the marriage the